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James E. Ladd, age 82, of Temperance, MI passed away January 10, 2011. James was born September 9, 1928 in Adrian, Michigan the son of James Ernest and Lillian (Brock) Ladd. At the age of 4, his father passed away and he felt blessed to be raised by his mother and Fay Luce who was his father in every sense of the word. James was a 1945 graduate of Adrian High School. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy. On April 12, 1952 he married Annabell Avery of Brooklyn, MI and she survives. James

worked his entire life for Consumers Power Co. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He is also is survived by his children, Debbie (Gary) Mitchell, Patti Essex, James R. (Sue) and Steve Ladd; 10 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; sisters, Juanita Cox, Peggy (Wallace) Wilkin, Carol Bird and Norma (Bruce) Norton; brother-in-law, James (Cyma) Avery; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Ricky; sister, Jean Rudd; brother in laws, Dick Rudd, Rodney Bird, Guy Cox, Wes Avery and Dean Avery son in law, Mike Essex. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday January 14, 2011 at J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, Tecumseh with Rev. John Dueble officiating. Burial will follow at Tipton Cemetery with military honors performed by U.S. Navy Honor Guard Team. Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, Tecumseh. Condolences may be offered online at: www.pursefuneralhome.com

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